

House Resolution No. 3636

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are proud to recognize an outstanding Missourian who has brought exceptional dedication and commitment to the Missouri Department of Corrections; and

Whereas, Corrections Officer I Eldonna Chism of the Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center has distinguished herself as the proud recipient of the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award; and

Whereas, the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award recognizes and honors employees who have stepped in and taken extraordinary actions to save the lives of other persons, be it colleagues, visitors, or offenders, in the workplace; and

Whereas, on December 21, 2007, CO I Chism was working in the offender dining room where she saw offender Polly Paluzcak choking on food that had become lodged in her throat; and

Whereas, CO I Chism responded and performed a series of abdominal thrusts on offender Paluzcak until the food was dislodged; and

Whereas, CO I Chism's performance of her duties reflects the dedication, pride, and professionalism which she has brought to her many assignments since joining the Department of Corrections; and

Whereas, CO I Chism has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, Rick; and her four children, Dustin, Derek, Calla, and Kalene:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, unanimously join together with Director Larry Crawford and the Missouri Department of Corrections in a thunderous round of applause for CO I Chism at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Corrections Officer I Eldonna Chism of Laddonia, Missouri, as a measure of the high esteem in which we hold her.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3636, adopted July 17, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker